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Letter To The Editors

I am writing this letter in response to the editorial printed in the Lynchburg News January 12, 1975, written by Mrs. Louise Martin, girls' coach at Appomattox County High School.

The question of interschool athletics for high school girls has been a very controversial one, and I, for one, agree that girls have a great need to participate, mainly because there programs have been deficient in the past. However, I concur with Delegate Jones and refute the charges by the National Organization for Women that the Virginia High School League discriminates against girls' sports. Today schools have to arrange a complex schedule to accommodate all interschool participants, and few schools have the facilities to do such without juggling. The three schools Mrs. Martin mentioned, one of which I'm associated with, (Amherst) reverted to the fall schedule for girls basically to accommodate such a program and **most importantly our girls' coach had rather play a fall schedule.** All of the facilities are at her desecration during the fall, and shorter practice, interference by boys' teams, etc. were alleviated by switching to the fall.

As you know, the football and basketball programs are the chief income producing sports, and few institutions go so far as to appropriate funds to meet current expenses of the athletic program. Interschool programs such as golf, "x-ile," softball, **girls basketball,** junior varsity basketball J. V. football, and baseball are dependent upon the aforementioned to survive and provide activities for those who seek them.

Certain girls' coaches who are dissatified and seek to have **a fall schedule,** play preliminary games, and receive spotty coverage from the press should play fall basketball, charge admission and support their own programs. Not depending on the football and basketball programs to subsidize them.

Let's be realistic, fans pay their dollar and a half to see the varsity contest, irregardless of the preliminary game.

In concluding, Mrs. Martin stated, "In my county we are most fortunate to have full support for girls and boys sports program by the county officials and school administration. However, one school can be limited in its programs by the action of other schools of the district and league of which it is a member." **According to the VHSL** each school shall make its own schedule; therefore, our school, as well as the other two, are following guidelines implemented by the High School League. Placing the blame on other schools of the Virginia High School League for the limitations of your own program is unwarranted.

Each coach seeks a winning team, but the end result should not be his or her record. The coach should ask if I did everything to develop social and moral values as well as physical qualities for the athletes.

Karl E. Carter
Amherst County High School
Amherst, Virginia

Mrs. George's 4-H Club

The president of our 4-H Club asked Angela Pugh and Tammy Kay Ferguson to lead us in saying the 4-H Pledge and the United States Pledge. Then the Recreation Leaders, Robert Allan Moore and Robin Bollinger, sang a song and played a game with Christmas bells. Then Thomas Drewry read the minutes of our last meeting. Then Mr Sweet and Mr. Goldman showed a film on safety and after he had shown the film on safety, he gave the class a quiz on safety.

Walter Drewry, Reporter

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1.) a 2.) b 3.) d 4.) b 5.) c.

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CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Appomattox. Regular service were held Sun., Jan. 19, 1975 at 11:30. A lovely audience turned out and enjoyed a very interesting sermon "It Looks Good From Where I Stand," preached by Rev. K. W. Davis, pastor.

Songs were led by choir and audience. Many visiting friends attended this service and enjoyed the service. After the service, communion was taken with everyone.

At this time Bro. Howard Harvey is in the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital. Prayers are still being offered for him and the rest on the sick list.

MRS. MARTIN-4-H CLUB

At the beginning of the meeting we said the pledges. Then Mr. Sweet told us what we would do in the Public Speaking contest. Then he told who the county contest would be. It will be Feb. 6, 1975 at the Appomattox County Elementary School.

Gloria Ferguson, Reporter

The Pastor Speaks

"KIN"

This is a word that is well known and much used in rural America; where kinfolks seem to stay in a small area near to each other.

The word 'Kin' and other words with this prefix such as 'Kinsman', 'Kinfolks' etc. are in scripture, both the Hebrew and the Greek all express the same general idea. But focus attention on different aspects such as mutual acquaintance, nearness, sharing in the same flesh, birth, family, tribe or the rights and duties connected with such a relationship. The most interesting and theologically significant is the last which is the same Hebrew word from which redeem comes. The word redeem was derived from the fact that if a man had sold himself into slavery, the obligation to buy back his freedom for him rested upon a kinsman. God the Father has brought us back - has redeemed us through the death of His Son.

"Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a particular people, zealous of good works."

Titus 2:14

Cecil Dalton
Pastor, Appo.
C. H. Presby. Church

Mrs. Walton's 4-H Club

Mrs. Walton's sixth grade class had their 4-H club meeting on January 16, 1975.

Joan Robertson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Donna Godsey led us in the 4-H pledge.

The recreation leaders, Steve Conner and Cindy MacArthur, led us in a game called 7-up.

Sixth grade 4-H public speaking will be held Wednesday, January 29, 1975, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 at Appomattox Elementary School auditorium. The county contest will be held February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.

Mr. Sweet had us speak into a tape recorder and say what we like to do and why to see if we were talking too fast for the public speaking contest.

Mariana Johnson, Reporter

The Sunday School Lesson

HERBERT C. BRADSHAW
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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, January 26, 1975.

Topic: An Empowered People.

Scripture: Acts 2:22-41; I Corinthians 2 1:15; Ephesians 1: 1-2: 10.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. Colossians 1:11.

Continuing the theme, "The Living God Seeks Man," the International Sunday School lessons now enter a new unit, "The Living God Seeks Men through the New People." This unit is parallel with the two preceding units, consisting, as they did, of four lessons. The first of these units developed the thesis, "The Living God Seeks Men through the New Man: Christ." By recalling these lessons, students can see the unity in the presentation.

God still seeks men through the new people, for the new people are those whose lives have been transformed through commitment to God in Jesus Christ. They are new people, because they have died to the old natural life of sin to be born again into a new spiritual life as members of the family of God and the household of faith. The theme serves as a reminder that becoming a new person, a member of the family of God, does not mean that a person has done all he has to do. In becoming a new person, he takes on new responsibilities, to represent God and to do God's work in the world.

A major responsibility God has committed to those who choose to enter His family is to tell others about Him in the effort to bring them also into commitment to Him. Just as God chose Abraham and his descendants to teach the world about God, so He has chosen those who would become the spiritual decendants of Abraham the father of the faithful, as he is so well called, to teach the world about God. Those who would become members of the household of faith take on this responsibility.

One does not take on these responsibilities without preparation. A part of this preparation one can provide for himself. Another part the individual must allow God to do for him. This second is the emphasis of this week's lesson. To take on the responsibilities of a member of the family of God, the person must receive power to carry them out, and this power God gives to believers through His Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts, the central character of which is the Holy Spirit, gives exciting accounts of how the Holy Spirit empowered early Christians to carry on God's work of seeking men. How their contemporaries saw them is well summarized in Acts 4:13.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus."

The boldness which enabled Peter and John to stand up to the Sanhedrin, the council of prominent and learned Jewish men, presided over by the high priest, was not a natural courage, nor did they claim it as such. Remember their situation: this same council had condemned Jesus to death and had secured the acquiescence of the Roman governor to His condemnation not very long before. Now questioned about healing a lame man, Peter declared that they performed this ministry of healing in the name of that same Jesus Christ the court had condemned to death and they further declared that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

Those who allow the Holy Spirit full range in their lives even today find an empowering comparable to that which Peter and John and Paul and other early Christians received. The gift of the Holy Spirit was not limited to Biblical times, but He continues to work in the through those who allow work in them. The Bible enables the believer and its affairs in proper perspective powers the believer and in judgment to God calls him to do.

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...y, January 19th, regu... ...ching service was held ... Baptist Church. The ... ...sed as a theme - "The ... That Endure" or "The ...ing Christ." The ser... ...a well presented and ...formation was gained. ...enior Choir rendered ...ely music, under the ... of "Sis" Ann Flesh. ...the congregation sang ... with the choir, and ...the hymns as much as ... The offering for the ... was generous.

...diately following the ... offering a "Weight ...as held, sponsored by ...rch. The Weight Rally ... to have been successful. ...w of the short notice ...Money gained will be ... benefit of Galilee ... Church improvement ...

...unday School held at 10 ... was well attended by the ...school, The offering was ...

...he sick list at this ... "Sis" Nannie Wright, ...eda Harris "Sis" Mary ...ols and 'Sis' Leatha ...We are praying as usual ...speedy recovery for the ...ery where. May God's ... done. We are sorry to ...that Mr. Robinson of ... Va. the father of "Sis" ...e Foster, is still in the ... We hope that he may ...turn home to his love ... prayers go out to "Sis" ...Hamlett in the loss of ...e husband, who depart... ...life between the hours of ... and 3 p.m. Monday, ...ry 20, suddenly. The ...mity feels Deacon Ham... ...ssing deeply. We know ...d will guide and protect ...lamlet and Watkin families ...ir hour of distress. ...al arrangements will be ...ands of the Hutcherson ... Home, Lynchburg, Va. ...is writing, the time and ...of the funeral is ...plete) or not set. ...eral services for the late ...kenney Tibbs was held ... church in Maryland ...r evening. Burial serv... ...onday morning, at 10

...n and out of town:

... who went to the ...of the late Bro. ...ney Tibbs were Mrs. ...Tibbs and daughter, Mrs. ...onna Jordan. Bro. Tibbs' ...ister and son-in-law, Mr. ...Mrs. Sam Scruggs and Mr. ...ert Stevens.

...ttending their Sorority ...ings Sun., Jan. 19th, in ...chburg, Va. were Sorar E. ...Jordan's Sorority meeting ... held with Sorar Helen ...is at 5:00 p.m. The agenda ...the meting of the A.K.A.'s ...chburg Chapter was mak... ...plans for their annual ...nders' Day celebration, ...ch will be held with the ...ega Upsilon Chapter in ...mond, Va., in their next ...ion after the business was ...r a tasty repast was served, by the hostesses. The meeting of the sorors was enjoyable.

...recent tour of the Kings Dominion theme park being built near Richmond. The costumed Hanna-Barbera characters and their zany antics will be a feature attraction of the $55 million park, scheduled to open May 3, 1975.

ENLISTED INTO THE U.S. FORCE JAN. 20

Michael J. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce of Rt. 1, Appomattox, enlisted into the U. S. Air Force January 20, 1975.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, he will receive technical training in the Mechanical Career Field.

Michael is a 74 graduate of Appomattox High School.

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